

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 56 with the following paragraph:

[0056]        The shaft may assume a wide variety of configurations. The shaft mechanically supports the active electrode(s), and enables the treating physician or surgeon to manipulate the active electrode(s) from the proximal end of the device. The shaft may be linear, variously curved, rigid, malleable, or flexible. Flexible shafts may be combined with pull wires, shape memory actuators, or other known mechanisms for effecting selective deflection of the distal end of the shaft to facilitate positioning of the shaft distal end/active electrode(s) with respect to the target tissue.